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By Representative Anderson

1 On page 78, after line 27, insert the following:

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- 3 "Sec. 607. RCW 42.17.095 and 2005 c 467 s 1 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- The surplus funds of a candidate, or of a political committee 6 supporting or opposing a candidate, may only be disposed of in any one 7 or more of the following ways:
- 8 (1) Return the surplus to a contributor in an amount not to exceed 9 that contributor's original contribution;
- 10 (2) Transfer the surplus to the candidate's personal account as 11 reimbursement for lost earnings incurred as a result of that 12 candidate's election campaign. Such lost earnings shall be verifiable 13 as unpaid salary or, when the candidate is not salaried, as an amount 14 not to exceed income received by the candidate for services rendered 15 during an appropriate, corresponding time period. All lost earnings 16 incurred shall be documented and a record thereof shall be maintained 17 by the candidate or the candidate's political committee. The 18 committee shall include a copy of such record when its expenditure for 19 such reimbursement is reported pursuant to RCW 42.17.090;
- 20 (3) Transfer the surplus without limit to a political party ((or 21 to a caucus political committee)), except that no transfers may be
- 22 made to a caucus political committee;
- 23 (4) Donate the surplus to a charitable organization registered in 24 accordance with chapter 19.09 RCW;
- 25 (5) Transmit the surplus to the state treasurer for deposit in the 26 general fund, the oral history, state library, and archives account 27 under *RCW 43.07.380, or the legislative international trade account

- 1 under **RCW 44.04.270, as specified by the candidate or political 2 committee; or
- 3 (6) Hold the surplus in the campaign depository or depositories
- 4 designated in accordance with RCW 42.17.050 for possible use in a
- 5 future election campaign for the same office last sought by the
- 6 candidate and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW
- 7 42.17.090: PROVIDED, That if the candidate subsequently announces or
- 8 publicly files for office, information as appropriate is reported to
- 9 the commission in accordance with RCW 42.17.040 through 42.17.090. If
- 10 a subsequent office is not sought the surplus held shall be disposed
- 11 of in accordance with the requirements of this section.
- 12 (7) Hold the surplus campaign funds in a separate account for
- 13 nonreimbursed public office-related expenses or as provided in this
- 14 section, and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW
- 15 42.17.090. The separate account required under this subsection shall
- 16 not be used for deposits of campaign funds that are not surplus.
- 17 (8) No candidate or authorized committee may transfer funds to any
- 18 other candidate, a caucus political committee, or other political
- 19 committee.
- 20 The disposal of surplus funds under this section shall not be
- 21 considered a contribution for purposes of this chapter."
- 23 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
- 24 references accordingly.
- On page 79, line 14, after "party" strike "or to a caucus
- 27 political committee" and insert "((or to a caucus political
- 28 committee)), except that no transfers may be made to a caucus
- 29 political committee"
- On page 80, line 4, after "candidate" insert ", a caucus political
- 32 committee,"
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On page 118, line 27, after "1107." strike "Section 505 of this 2 act is" and insert "Sections 505 and 607 of this act are"

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EFFECT: Prohibits candidate committees from transferring funds to caucus political committees.

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